

Prophecy:

“They that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. None of you that call upon My name shall be ashamed. I have gone before you, I have brought down the mountains, I have filled up the valleys, all the crooked ways have been made straight and the rough places in your life has been made clear. Now shall the glory of God appear unto you. You shall know My name. For the glory of My name, I will be made known unto you. I will come to you in a still small voice, therefore learn to be still, learn to be quiet in your Spirit. It shall come in a still small voice, but it shall envelope you. It shall overwhelm you within and you shall suddenly burst out with laughter. And I will give you laughter, saith the Lord. I will cause you to laugh. I will cause your mouth to be enlarged over your enemy, your adversary who has spoken lightly of you, saying you are nothing, who has reduced you to dust and ashes. In that day shall they see My name being exalted in your life. And the least amongst you shall be like David and the entire house like God. You shall not be ashamed, saith the Lord. Therefore, draw closer to Me saith the Lord, come away My little ones, seek My word, stay upon My word. Be still within you and I will reveal it to you. For I am your teacher, saith the Lord and I will teach you. I will lay it upon you, line upon line, precept upon precept. Each one of you shall know Me, you shall know My name and know My character and follow after Me. I will lead you, saith the Lord, I will lead you to the fountain of life. I will bring you to the tree of life. You shall eat of that tree, you shall drink from that water. Death is swallowed up completely, darkness is banished completely. For I yet have many more in this land, in 1’s, in 2’s, in 3’s, in 10’s that are calling upon My name and in all other lands, even they will I visit with the revelation of My name and I will teach them, saith the Lord and I will cause them to know Me. Now is the sealing set, saith the Lord, sealing you with My name, with My divine nature. It has started, sealing you gradually with My name. My name is being placed upon you. The power of that name shall cause you to be as a defenced city, a brazen wall, and iron pillar. Though outwardly you may look weak and feeble, but you are a defenced city. You are a mighty rock; any one that comes against you shall be broken, anyone you choose to go against shall be destroyed. None that come against you shall prevail over you. For your hands shall be strong over the necks of your enemies, you will trample them under foot, for your salvation is come, saith the Lord. Therefore, fear not, but lift up your head. I am the Lord”

“For the way of the Lord is paved with suffering and pain. The way leadeth to a crown of righteousness. For He standeth in His holy place and called you His own. I will reveal My heart to the beloved of My heart. I call My own and I will set them on a mountain that no wind can uproot for their foundation will be firmly rooted in Me. I am the Lord of Host, the firm foundation. I am the I AM that I AM”.

“Do not be ashamed to proclaim the name of the Lord”. “And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted”. Isaiah 12:4.

“Therefore, my people shall know my name: therefore, they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I”. Isaiah 52:6.

“Thus saith the Lord, it is finished. The wilderness period, it is finished for morning has come! Morning has come and the night has passed. It is finished”

“Who is he that speaketh and it comes to pass when the Lord has not spoken it. I am not a man that I should lie, neither am I a son of man that I should repent. I watch over My word to perform it and upon this mountain shall the covering cast be removed in the name of Jesus. Who is He that speaketh and it comes to

pass when I the Lord has not commanded it. Every voice of the liar and deception, every word of fear, every voice of doubt shall be silenced in the name of Jesus. Every voice that rises against you, in Judgement will you condemn it” “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father”. Philippians 2:9-11.

Word:

Exhortation/Prayer burden- Sis Bukola:

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. Isaiah 54:11.

It is the Lord's desire to lay our foundations with sapphire, *Revelations 21:19*. What the Lord desires in the new creation man is truth on the inward parts. *Psalms 51:6*. Sapphire is the stone upon which the throne of the Lord is established. *Exodus 24:7-10, Ezekiel 1:22-26, Ezekiel 10:1*. The bible says that righteousness and truth are the foundations of His house. *Psalms 89:14*. So laying our foundations with sapphire is laying within you, righteousness and truth. We should pray that the Lord establishes us in righteousness and place truth in our inward part. When He says, "thou afflicted", He speaks of depraved humanity. A man under affliction by the strong one, Satan, who has been a terror to humanity. He is saying He would do a redemptive work that will bring man out of this bondage, see *Isaiah 25*. These two things; righteousness and truth, are key in our foundation. God has given us a great promise that He will lay our foundations with sapphire, meaning where He stands that is where we will stand to. For the new creation man, righteousness is automatically imputed to you. *2 Corinthians 5:21*. However, for you to express that righteousness, you need truth in the inward part, being full of the truth of the Word of God. Any other word that is not of God is not truth and we need not ponder on it. We should pray that our heart lays hold truth and we begin to walk in the reality of it. The work has been done in Christ Jesus. That where He is, we may be also.

The name of the Lord:

1. The name of the Lord as Authority.

The word name in the Hebrew scriptures is 'shem', which stands for authority. The name of the Lord is the authority of the Lord. As believers when you have been translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God, *Colossians 1:13*, you have certain rights and privileges. However, it is knowledge and faith that gives us the access to it. *Psalms 49:20, Galatians 4:1*. We have to know that the name is powerful and understand what Jesus has done and why it is powerful to utilize effectively. The name has been freely given to the church as long as you are a believer, it requires that we grasp an understanding, to know this absolutely to use it.

A case study to understanding this authority will be from the book of Esther 3. 7- 15. " *And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy ... in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring*". We could see from the story above the power of the kings' ring. The entire nation knew the power of the kings' signet ring, symbolizing his authority. Haman could write anything and seal it with the kings' signet ring and it was taken as the word of

the King, since it was sealed in his name and with his signet ring. The king did not have to know about Haman's decree for it to be law. It just has to be sealed in his name. In a similar way, we have the name of the Lord, which everything in heaven and on the earth and beneath the earth recognize and submit to. *Matthew 28:18, Philippians 2:9-11*. Anything you say in prayer in Jesus' name is done. We do not need to go back to God to get an approval and authority over prayers when He has given us this authority already.

In Esther 8, we can see Esther's response to the king. She sought to reverse that which Haman had decreed, but that could not be done. The king gave a response "*Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse. Esther 8:8*. In a similar way, we should have confidence, seeing the name of Jesus as His signet ring, when we pray in the name of Jesus.

Jesus said, *And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. John 16:23*. We do not need to meet Him for another authority when we ask in His name. We see that only the Lion of the tribe of Jesus can lose that which has been sealed by God, Revelation 5, and if He says He will do what we ask, then we should have confidence to use His name. No other power can cancel that which is sealed in the name of Jesus. Jesus is described as the Amen, *Revelations 3:14*. Everything in His name is verily and done. God knew we would need as a powerful tool, so He highly exalted the name Jesus above every name named even in the ages to come. *Ephesians 1:21*

2. Having the name as an identity/ a seal upon our forehead.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matthew 7:22-23. A question that could pop in our minds would be, how can people prophesy in God's name and do miracles and Jesus says, they work iniquity (lawlessness) and He never knew them? There is a distinction between using the name of the Lord and having the name of the Lord written in your forehead, as an identity. *Revelations 22:4*. Having His name as a seal on your forehead means, you are God's own. We are to desire this as believers. In the kingdom of God, there are distinctions. Looking at *Ezekiel 9:4-6*, we see a sealing of some, out of God's people. *And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. Ezekiel 9:4*. This sealing was done out of Jerusalem, a called people, starting from His sanctuary, meaning not all in Jerusalem were sealed. In *Revelations 7:1-8*, we see a similar situation, a sealing of some out of the tribes of Israel. God doesn't seal you when you're perfect, but He looks at your heart and if He sees that your heart is crying out to be righteous, to hate every form of wickedness, He places a mark of ownership upon you. *2 Timothy 2:19* says, *Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.* Those that have the seal of the Lord are those that are His, those who depart from iniquity.

3. The name of the Lord as a defence

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runs to it and is safe and set on high [far above evil]. Proverbs 18:10 (AMP). The word 'tower' here signifies a high place, an elevated surface. Once we call upon the name of the Lord it is like He has carried us on eagles' wings far above principalities and powers, to heavenly heights. In Ezekiel 9 and Revelations 7, there was a judgement to be executed, but it did not begin until the seal had been placed on God's own. The name places us in a place of safety far from calamities

and evil. It keeps us in the heavens constantly. We run into the fortress of God when we call upon the name of the Lord. It is our hiding place. *Romans 10:13*.

4. **Satan trembles at the mention of the name.**

It is easy for us to get familiar with the name of Jesus, because we use it frequently, but the devils are subject to and fear the name of Jesus. *Luke 10:17*. When the apostles began to preach, out of fear, the authorities commanded them not to teach in that name. They feared the name.

Colossians 2:10-15 speaks of the victory of Christ over the enemy. “When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities [those supernatural forces of evil operating against us], He made a public example of them [exhibiting them as captives in His triumphal procession], having triumphed over them through the cross”.
Colossians 2:15 [AMP]

The message version puts it in an interesting way “He stripped all the spiritual tyrants in the universe of their sham authority at the Cross and marched them naked through the streets” *Colossians 2:15[MSG]*.

Satan and the powers of darkness will never forget the day they were put to a public spectacle. He knows the victory has been won and when we say the name of Jesus, we appropriate the victory. Satan remembers that He was destroyed at the cross. *Hebrews 2:14-15*. He is afraid when we mention the name of God.

5. **The name of the Lord allows us to speak as one having authority.**

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Matthew 7:28-29. Having the name of the Lord helps us not only to pray as one having authority, but to teach the word as one having authority. Using the word of God and sealing it with the name of the Lord is powerful. It is a guaranteed prayer already, *Isaiah 55:11*. In the example of Moses and the red sea in *Exodus 14:14-16*, God told him to stop crying and use the rod (the word also means sceptre, symbolizing power and authority). He had already been given the authority. We are to just speak the word and use the name Jesus. We are to speak life into situations and seal it with the name of Jesus.

Knowing this, we should not pray and be agitated like the heathens do, but pray knowing we have the backing and authority of the almighty God. *Matthew 6:7-8*. His name is I AM that I AM, this is a blank cheque. *Exodus 3:14*, God is our ever-present help in time of need, *Psalms 46:1* and is to us what we need: healer, teacher, Father, Friend, Lover, Strength, Salvation, Righteousness, Sanctifier. You name it, He is!

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The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your Spirit!